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News of Washington.

General James Allen and Major George O. Squires, of the Signal Corps, inspected the wireless telegraph and telephone plant at Fort Myer today, with a view to using it for experiments both with the dirigible and the aeroplane.

The War Department has made the lightest wireless telegraph set that has ever been designed. It weighs less than seventy-five pounds, and has the sparks cased in with mica, so as to be safe in use on the dirigible. The set will send and receive up to thirty miles.

Commander Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., discoverer of the North Pole, announced this week that within the next five years he will head an expedition to seek the South Pole, under the auspices of the Peary Arctic Club, which backed him in his recent trip to the Far North.

President Taft has indorsed one Roosevelt policy. He has decided that military officers shall undergo a physical test.

The War Department announced recently through general orders that the physical test required of all field officers will be taken once each fiscal year. There has been some confusion as to the time for the taking of the test, and the new order is for the purpose of setting at rest all doubts that may exist.

The showcase in front of the store of Louis Rosenberg, 229 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, was broken upon last night by two colored boys. They were frightened away before they had time to rob the case. Descriptions of the boys were furnished the police.

GUM CHEWERS HAPPY.

These Slot Machines to Stay, Says Corporation Counsel E. H. Thomas.

"If the machines are not used as signs: are securely attached to the building so as not to be liable to inflict injury to travelers; do not obstruct travel, and are used by the merchant in connection with his business, I regard them as lawful.

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Just a Few Things We Need.

The World's Happenings.

DESCRIPTION OF QUEER PLANTS.

Assistant Supt. John Clark, of the Botanic Garden, prompted by verbal inquiries from flower show visitors, has explained the peculiarities of some of the plants which the Government has loaned the Washington florists for their annual exhibition.

"The pitcher plant, brought from the Philippine Islands, is one of the most interesting specimens we have on exhibition at old Masonic Temple," said Mr. Clark, who has worked among plants for nearly three score years. "These pitchers hold about a gill each of a peculiar liquor, much sought by tippling bugs and insects and possessing powers that will make them all drunk. Sometimes thirty or more of these intoxicated insect customers are found in one of these plants. The plant is botanically known as the *Nepenthes* recta.

"Another curious plant is the *Sarracenia Drummondii*, named by Amos Cummings the 'All Night Saloon.' His colored guide informed him it was provided by nature that the night moths might see where to get their liquor. Another species of the *Sarracenia* is called 'The Sunday Saloon,' the creeping customers entering by a back door.

"Darwin's Insectiferous gives a lot of valuable information concerning these and other strange plants, gathered from all sections of the globe, which may be seen at the flower show."

MEDICAL SCHOOL GETS \$150,000 GIFT.

William D. Sloane, who, with Mrs. Sloane, has already made gifts of more than \$1,000,000 to the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, has made another gift to the institution, with which, it is announced, a seven-story addition is to be made at once to the present hospital building on Tenth avenue at a cost of about \$150,000, to be used as a gynecological department.

This will make the medical de-

partment of Columbia University the most complete of its kind in the country and will enable the students of the College of Physicians and Surgeons to receive the most practical instruction in obstetrics and gynecology.—N. Y. Journal.

\$3,500 FOR JILED GIRL.

A jury in the Supreme Court this week awarded a verdict of \$3,500 to Miss Jeanette Fried, who had sued Charles Nisensen for \$5,000 for breach of promise. Miss Fried produced numerous love letters that he had written to her.

MAJOR THOS. H. HAYS DIES.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 10.—Major Thomas H. Hays, former inspector-general of the Confederate army and at one time second vice president of the Pullman Palace Car Company, is dead here today, aged seventy-two.

What is said to be the oldest artistic record of mankind has been found at Ottitz, near Ratibor, in Silesia, Prussia, by an excavating expedition under Johannes Richter. It consists of a clay figure of a goddess about 4,000 years old and was discovered in a house dating back to the stone age, of which a group of fifteen, forming a village, were unearthed.

VITALITY OF UNITED STATES.

The progress of medical men, of health boards and of similar agencies for the conservation of national vitality is necessarily slow, but we are assured that with united effort the gains that now require a century or more could be obtained in a generation. The old impression that there is an iron law of mortality proves to be a myth. Wherever medical and sanitary science has been developed into its highest state of efficiency, there man lives longest and is freest from sickness while he lives. India, most reckless of nations as regards cleanliness and carefulness in health and hygiene, is stationary in its average duration of life, which is less than twenty-five years. In Sweden the average is fifty

years. Europe has shown considerable gains, with Germany the most shining mark in advance. Massachusetts has set a fair example to the rest of the United States by lengthening life at the rate of about one-half that of Germany's gain.

The good already accomplished by the strict application of sanitary science and preventive medicine should be an incentive for more concerted effort. It is evident that human life can be both lengthened and strengthened.—Omaha Bee.

ANACOSTIA

Old Anacostia was shaken from center to circumference Sunday afternoon, about ten minutes after two, when a terrible fire broke out in the old stables below Shannon Place. When the fire started the wind was blowing right toward the city. Had it continued Anacostia would have been burned to the ground. But kind Providence willed it otherwise, and while the conflagration was fierce and disastrous, still no lives were lost. The scene was fascinating, yet horrible. The old barn close to W street was wooden and burned like a cauldron of oil. There were ten fire companies present and about \$20,000 dollar loss. These old stables were an eye-sore to the citizens, yet they would rather they were demolished some other way. We hope that the owners of the ground will embrace this opportunity to improve the street and add their mite to help Anacostia's progress.

Mr. Al Beck, of Chicago St., is visiting in North Carolina.

Mr. Wm. Cook, Jr., who was hunting down in Maryland, has returned.

Sergeant Charlie Steavens is on duty once more. We are glad to see him looking so well.

Mr. Brenizer has the contract for extending the sewer from Harrison street out to the channel of the Eastern Branch, using the old abutments of the bridge as a foundation for it. This will relieve this section of a long extended nuisance.

The Pleasure Seekers Social Club entertained their friends at a complimentary masquerade dance on Friday evening last, November 5th, at St. Theresa's new school hall, Anacostia. There was a great variation in costumes, which included both fancy and comical make-ups. Prizes were awarded on the young ladies' side for originality in costume, and on the gentlemen's side for the one who acted his character most naturally. Miss Marguerite Louden and Mr. Herbert Haar, respectively, being chosen as winners by the judges. Those present were:

The judges:
Misses Addie Wathen, Mabel Brauman and Mr. Robert Hicks.

The invited guests:
Misses Effie Beale, Gladys Bunting, Annie Butler, Jessie Edelin, Fannie Haar, Mary Madigan, Mary Taylor, Bertha Whalley, and Messrs. R. Harding, Harry Hardy, Jos. Madigan, A. Smith.

The Club members:
Misses Fannie Cator, Rosini Finotti, Eva Haar, Agnes Hicks,

Estelle Latchford, Marguerite Louden, Mary Louden, Irene Misel and Agnes Wathen. Messrs. Benedict Finotti, Herbert Haar, Lenox Lohr, Eugene Walters, B. Wathen and Ford Wathen.

NEW BRICK HOUSES IN ANACOSTIA

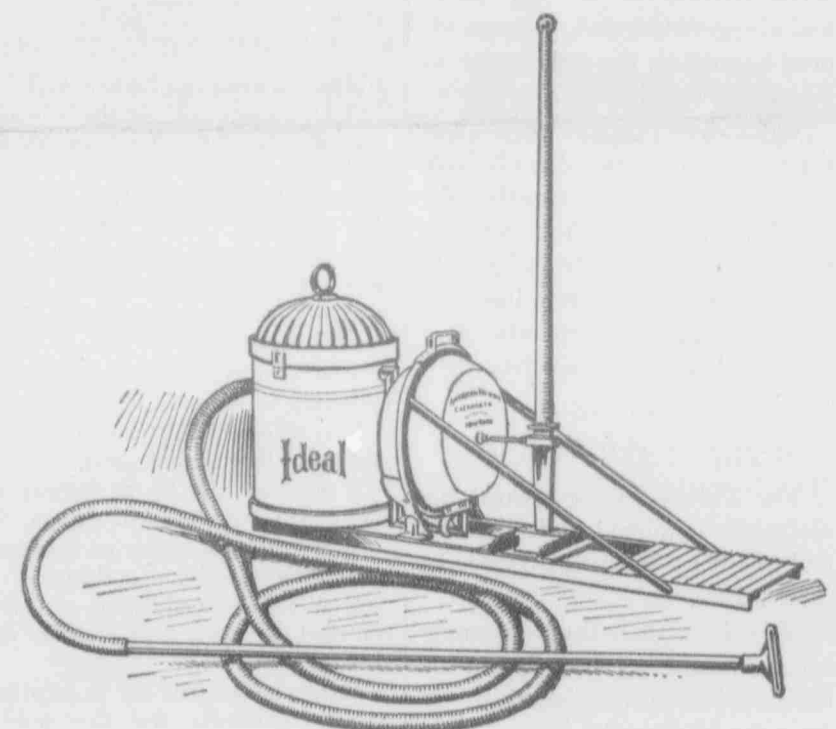
Mr. Geo. S. King, of the Real Estate firm of Geo. S. King Co., is just completing two up-to-date brick houses on 14th St. bet. V and W Sts., Anacostia, D. C. The houses are 20 ft. front with large Colonial porches, containing 6 rooms, bath and cellar, furnace heat. They will be put on the market for sale as soon as completed. Mr. King expects to build four more of the same style just south of these two.

A great deal of good is being done by the sprinkling of sand on a wet day upon the New Bridge. A little sand keeps many a horse on its feet.

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